

Schmidt, U.S. Army, Retired, of Anchorage, for his years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

SGM Schmidt's military career spanned 22 years, over three decades, and three wars. What is even more remarkable than his years of dedicated military service, is how it began. In 1942, at the age of 14, SGM Schmidt lied about his age, joined the Army, and was sent off to training. He would go on to jump into Sicily with the 82nd Airborne Division during the war at just 15 years old. Subsequently, he was wounded and discharged once his true age was discovered after his mother wrote a letter to President Franklin Roosevelt regarding her underage son fighting in the war. Undeterred, SGM Schmidt would once again lie about his age and join the Navy. However, after several months in the Navy, they would also find his age and remove him from service.

Thankfully, his determination to serve did not stop at the end of World War II. In 1946, at the age of 18, he would rejoin the Army and eventually fight in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War. He would later go on to be accepted into, and serve in, Special Forces. As a member of the 7th Special Forces Group, SGM Schmidt would fight in Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War. Eventually, he became the Sergeant Major for all 7th Group's A Teams in Vietnam before moving to the 5th Special Forces Group. In 1965 SGM Schmidt would return to Fort Bragg and retire after 22 years of honorable service.

However, retirement clearly did not sit well with the Sergeant Major. He returned to Vietnam, for a few years as a member of Air America, a passenger and cargo airline that was secretly owned and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency. SGM Schmidt is one of very few soldiers who has two stars on his Combat Infantryman Badge; he was also the recipient of the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

It is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of SGM Schmidt on behalf of a grateful Nation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LEWIS FARMER REEVES, JR.

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Lewis Farmer Reeves, Jr., of Clayton, Georgia, who went to be with the Lord just last month. For 82 years, Lewis stood as a pillar of the community.

After graduating from Rabun County High School and attending the Georgia Institute of Technology, Lewis committed his life's work to his family's business, Reeves Hardware. During his 55 years serving as President, he expanded the company to additional locations in Dillard and Clayton, creating countless jobs across our community in northeast Georgia. Now, three generations of the Reeves family have followed in his legacy of carrying on the family business.

Beyond his family business, Lewis further dedicated himself to his community by serving in a number of capacities. He served on the Rabun County School Board of Education from 1966 to 1984 and continued to give back to the next generation through his involvement with Future Farmers of America and Livestock Shows teams. A lifelong member of the Clayton First United Methodist Church, founding member of the Walnut Flat's Hunting Club, and an active member of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department, there is hardly a facet of community life where Lewis has not left a positive impact.

The loss of Lewis Reeves is a loss that will be felt by our entire community. I can tell you firsthand that his spirit of service is apparent each time I visit one of his stores, and his legacy will continue to live on through his family business. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I join his family in mourning the loss of a life well lived, and I thank Lewis for leaving this world better than he found it. May he rest in peace.

REMEMBERING AJAIB KAUR DHADLI

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Ajaib Kaur Dhadli, who passed away on May 12th at the age of 94.

Born in Pakistan on March 26, 1926, Ajaib Kaur Dhadli was the oldest of five sisters of Ajit Singh and Sant Kaur. Ajaib Kaur was married to late Sardar Harchand Singh Dhadli in 1946, until his passing in 2015. Throughout the course of her life, she worked tirelessly throughout the house, while also raising her three children, Raminder Singh, Baljinder Kaur and Raminder Kaur. She was instrumental in molding her children which helped them find success in their careers and lives. As they grew older and had children of their own, Ajaib helped raise her grandchildren with pride. Those closest to Ajaib Kaur Dhadli would describe her as hard working, nurturing, and a woman of faith.

Ajaib Kaur Dhadli is survived by her sisters Inderjit Kaur, Narinder Kaur and Kanwaljit Kaur, son, Raminder Singh, daughters Raminder Kaur, and Baljinder Kaur, five grandchildren including Shamsher Singh, Harleen Kaur, Amneet Kaur, Tejveer Singh and Harjap Singh, as well as four great grandchildren Kiran, Jasleen, Arjun and Tegvir.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the special life of Ajaib Kaur Dhadli.

RECOGNIZING CENTER TOWNSHIP CONSTABLE, MARK ANTHONY 'TONY' DUNCAN

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize our friend,

Mark Anthony "Tony" Duncan who passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

Tony was a lifelong public servant, engaged civic leader, and activist. He dedicated himself to service for decades, first as Center Township Deputy Trustee to my grandmother, the late Congresswoman Julia Carson, when she served as Township Trustee. He later served when he was elected as the Center Township Constable in Marion County, a position he held until his passing, where he was legendary for serving justice with compassion.

As a lifelong Democrat, Tony advocated for the Democratic Party, holding all accountable for their actions and changing the electorate of Marion County, Indiana. He served as the Treasurer for the Marion County Democratic Party and worked tirelessly to elect local Democratic candidates. His passion and knowledge of our community will not soon be forgotten.

On a personal note, Tony served as my lifelong mentor, confidant, and friend. Beginning at a young age, Tony took me under his wings, imparting political wisdom. He was part of my family, and always there if you needed him.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tony Duncan, a dear friend, fellow Democrat, and public servant who will be dearly missed by me, as well as his family, friends, and community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WILMA WILSON

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Wilma H. Wilson of Charlotte, North Carolina on her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Wilson is a long time native of Charlotte, and currently resides in the South Park neighborhood. She and her husband spent their lives spreading God's word as devoted Christians. And—as all who know her can attest—she embodies what she believes and sets an example for us all.

Mrs. Wilson and her husband, Grady, were close friends of evangelist Billy Graham early in his life. The two quickly became involved in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), and Grady became a top associate from its founding to his death in the late 1980s. Mrs. Wilson had extensive involvement in the BGEA television and radio broadcasting department, where she was integral in making Billy Graham's famous Crusades accessible to thousands.

Wilma's work stretched the reach of the message of Christ and helped spread the news of God's love to many for the first time. Mrs. Wilson is the last surviving member of the founding generation of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Her commitment to spreading God's word has impacted millions of people in the United States and made our world a better place.

It is an honor to wish Wilma Wilson a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING TEACHERS AND
STAFF OF STAGECOACH ELE-
MENTARY SCHOOL

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the teachers and staff at Stagecoach Elementary School in Cabot, Arkansas for going above and beyond for their students during the current public health crisis due to COVID-19.

They have adapted their teaching process to ensure they are meeting the academic needs of their students, but they are also finding creative ways to maintain relationships with students, their families, and the community.

The teachers and staff have gone above and beyond by delivering groceries to families in need, continuing to offer breakfast and lunch for their students, providing supplies like laptops to families who may not have the necessary equipment for at-home learning, and conducting parades throughout the student's neighborhoods to lift spirits, and bring the community together.

This initiative has shined a light on how adapting to the situation at hand and responding with positivity can unite a community even amidst a public health crisis.

I congratulate the teachers and staff at Stagecoach Elementary School for their creative way of continuing education for Arkansas students and for ending the year on a strong note.

RECOGNIZING ALLAN HURSIG, THE
BEARDED BAKER OF TX-22

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, we often tell our children that, when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. When life gave Allan Hursig lemons, he made cookies and created a thriving business.

After being "unfortunately, but fortunately laid off" from his job as an oil and gas landman, Mr. Hursig turned to baking as a hobby. His elaborately decorated cookies found fame on the Internet, and he launched The Bearded Baker in 2016 to take his hobby to the next level.

Mr. Hursig's sweet treats garnered so much popularity that he even competed on the Food Network's "Christmas Cookie Challenge."

Mr. Hursig is living proof of that creativity, artistry and perseverance are tools for success in our great nation. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, he has made our community very proud.

WELCOME KITTRIDGE CHARLES &
ADLER ELNORA LOPATA-PAGAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate State Representative Kristy Pagan and Karl Lopata of Canton, Michigan, on the birth of their babies, Kittridge Charles and Adler Elnora Lopata-Pagan. Kittridge Charles was born on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 20, 2020, weighing six pounds and fourteen ounces and measuring in at 19.7 inches long. Adler Elnora was born on January 21, 2020, weighing five pounds and twelve ounces and measuring in at 18.9 inches long. Kittridge and Adler were born at Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital at the University of Michigan.

I would also like to congratulate Kittridge and Adler's grandparents, Nick and Kathy Pagan of Plymouth, Michigan, and Karl and Judy Lopata of Canton, Michigan, as well as aunts and uncles Jenna and Bill Pagan-DeYoung of Kalamazoo, Michigan (cousin Evelyn Pagan-DeYoung, cousin Elliot Pagan-DeYoung), Kimberly Pagan of Arlington, Virginia, and K.C. Lopata of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Congratulations to the entire family as they welcome the new loves and lights of their lives.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
DEFENSE NET ZERO REVIEW
ACT OF 2020

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Defense Net Zero Review Act of 2020, legislation that will refocus the Defense Department's (DoD's) efforts on Net Zero initiatives and require the Secretary to establish the first integrated master plan for achieving Net Zero energy benchmarks.

The DoD consumes more energy than any other federal agency, spending nearly \$12 billion on energy in FY2017, approximately two percent of the Department's total budget. Since the early 2000s, the DoD has made commendable progress in implementing Net Zero projects. These initiatives have generally focused on efforts to produce more energy from renewable sources on installations, limit consumption of water in order to not deplete the local watershed, and reduce, reuse, and recover waste to prevent unnecessary additions to landfills.

Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, while progress has been made, it simply isn't enough. In fact, many of the energy benchmarks established by previous acts of Congress have never been achieved by the DoD, and many of the goals announced by senior DoD leaders over the past decade are no longer being pursued. To quote from the findings from a 2016 Government Accountability Office (GAO) study—the most systemic review of Net Zero with the DoD—the Department has "not established an integrated net zero

strategy or policy for achieving Net Zero," and "none of the military departments have established Net Zero as a funded program". Further, the DoD has not fully identified the potential costs of implementing net zero initiatives, due at least in part to insufficiently defined statutory goals.

On the operational side of energy usage, DoD emissions for all military operations between 2001 and 2017 are estimated to be 766 million metric tons of carbon dioxide. The FY2017 Operational Energy Annual Report found that the Department used roughly 87 million barrels of fuel per year, which comes out to some 240,000 barrels per day. These findings paint a clear picture, that absent Congressional interest and oversight, pursuing and achieving Net Zero will not be prioritized in the way that it should be.

The legislation that I am introducing today will get us back on track with a wholesale review of Net Zero initiatives under the DoD. First, my bill commissions two studies from the Comptroller General of the United States—a follow-up to the 2016 study and a second examining options for increasing efficiency and resilience on the operational side of the DoD's energy usage—that will analyze the extent to which these types of initiatives have been implemented, and the associated costs, benefits, challenges, and opportunities that exist for moving forward. These studies also solicit new information from the DoD, including anticipated funding and infrastructure needs to get serious about achieving Net Zero, and options for achieving specific benchmarks. Once this information is at hand, my legislation requires the Secretary of the DoD to present Congress with a master plan outlining an integrated strategy for achieving these initiatives in a manner that continues to prioritize military readiness.

Importantly, Madam Speaker, my bill does not impose any arbitrary deadlines or requirements of the DoD. Rather, this legislation focuses on gathering the data we need to know what is feasible, what we'll need to get it done, and how much time it will take, so that Congress can make informed decisions in the future. This is the right way to move forward, and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COVID-19
MEMORIAL QUILT ACT OF 2020

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the COVID-19 Memorial Quilt Act of 2020 to honor all the victims of this pandemic with a national memorial quilt.

The horrors of the COVID-19 pandemic have touched every corner of our country, wreaking unprecedented devastation on Americans' lives. As I introduce this legislation today, COVID-19 has infected at least two million Americans. Tragically, this disease has quickly robbed our country of at least 112,000 of our fellow citizens. We need to remember that these numbers are not just statistics: they are people. They are our moms, dads, children, grandparents, neighbors, teachers, religious leaders and fellow Americans who have been taken from us due to this pandemic.